



The Palmetto


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BY AMANDA WALKUP, PUBLICATIONS CHAIR



Report cards, Halloween, mid-term elections... We have a busy month ahead! Take a few minutes to check out this issue of *The Palmetto* newsletter.

Want to get more involved in SCCEC and run for Executive Office? Check out the "Call for Nominations" section. We are electing a Treasurer and a Vice-President this year. It could be you!

Concerned about special education teacher retention rates? Dr. Taylor shares with us a piece on how we all can help to keep first-year teachers in the field.

Getting geared up to vote in the mid-terms? Mrs. Hensley shares with us national CEC's non-partisan voter education guide.

Know someone worthy of recognition? Learn how to nominate them for a SCCEC award.

Lastly, WHO'S READY FOR CONFERENCE! This issue is full of the most recent information and links about registering, booking a room, presenting a session or a poster, and pre-conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

Conference 2019: "Instruct, Invest, Inspire"

BY SAM PRICE

Mark your calendars for February 28-March 2, 2019 for our annual conference!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We are excited to be back at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort. Please check out the group web page to see room options and to go ahead and make your hotel reservations. <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/home>

Embassy Suites: <https://goo.gl/3E6yvi> or Kingston: <https://goo.gl/qCnvYx>

You can also call the Reservations Department directly at 800-876-0010.

REGISTRATION

See <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/conference> for registration information.

This year we have added a discounted Early Bird registration price (Dec. 15, 2018 deadline). To qualify for the discounted room rate, you need to get your registration in before January 28, 2019.

Conference attendees may register by mailing in the registration form with a check, emailing a purchase order, or by



accessing the EventBrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sccec-2019-annual-conference-registration-47038149371>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Do you want to present at this year's conference? Do you know someone that would put together an awesome session for the conference? We want to hear about

all of the wonderful educational practices happening around our state! Please submit your proposals for SCCEC Annual Conference sessions using the following link: <https://goo.gl/a75PyV>

Deadline for proposals to present at the 2019 SCCEC Annual Conference is Monday, October 31, 2018.

PRE-CONFERENCE

Pre-conference sessions, sponsored by the subdivisions, will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2018. Keep in mind that registration (as well as payment) for the pre-conference is SEPARATE from the registration/payment for the conference. See <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/conference> for updated information on these sessions.

AWARDS

Please nominate fellow colleagues and students for one of our many awards! See <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/awards/new-item4> for more information.

Call for Nominations — 2018 SCCEC Elections

BY LISA HALTER

This year SCCEC will be electing a new Vice-President and Treasurer during Representative Assembly at the Annual Conference in March. Serving on the Executive Committee of South Carolina CEC is a great way to develop professional connections while making a positive impact on our profession.

Nominations are now open for both of these positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague, please submit a short bio to Lisa Halter (Past President) at halterl@wlgos.sc.gov. Be sure to include the position (Vice President or Treasurer), a headshot, as well as contact information for the nominee. All nominees must be members in good standing of SCCEC. The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2018. Candidate bios will be included in the Conference Newsletter so that representatives for Representative Assembly will have that information prior to conference.

According to our by-laws, the elected Vice President will serve successive terms for a total of four years (Vice-president – 1 year, President- Elect – 1 year, President – 1 year, and Past-President – 1 year), and the Treasurer will serve 3 years. Below are the responsibilities of each of these positions:

VICE PRESIDENT (YEAR 1)

1. to serve in the place of, with the authority of, the President in the absence or disability of the President and President Elect.
2. to assist the President in appointing all standing committees and any special committees except the Nominations, Finance, Awards, and Conference committees.
3. to assist in the program planning for the Annual Conference.
4. to conduct and coordinate Representative Assembly registration and to determine and validate the representatives to Representative Assembly.
5. to coordinate planning for training other than conference.
6. to make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

PRESIDENT ELECT (YEAR 2)

1. to serve in place of, with the authority

of, the President in case of absence or disability.

2. to assist the President in appointing all standing committees and any special committees except the Nominations, Finance, Awards, and Conference committees.

3. to share committee coordination and assist in the establishment of new chapters and the strengthening of existing ones.

4. to serve as chairperson of the Conference committee.

5. to coordinate planning for future conference sites. The President Elect will appoint a conference liaison to conduct planning for future convention conference sites.

6. to make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

PRESIDENT (YEAR 3)

1. to serve as Chief Executive of the SCCEC.

2. to give professional leadership to the planning and program of SCCEC and carry out the directives of the membership.

3. to call and preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, and other Unit sponsored meetings.

4. to preside at meetings of the Representative Assembly and the Annual Conference.

5. to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees except those making nominations or conducting elections.

6. to appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the chairperson of all standing committees except those otherwise designated in the by-laws, to establish ad hoc committees, and to recommend other appointive bodies needed to the Executive Board.

7. to prepare and submit an annual set of assurances to CEC and other reports required by CEC in a timely manner.

8. to appoint the Federation Parliamentarian and to appoint a Corresponding Secretary for one (1) term.

9. to provide for cooperation with, participation in, and representation of the Federation with other agencies and groups of similar interests.

10. to serve as a representative of the South Carolina Federation of the Council

for Exceptional Children at the Annual Representative Assembly of the Council for Exceptional Children.

11. to appoint with approval of the Executive Committee an alternate representative from South Carolina to the CEC Representative Assembly when either the President or Past President cannot attend.

12. to make an annual report to the Representative Assembly.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (YEAR 4)

1. to serve as member of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.

2. to serve as Chairperson of the Nominations Committee.

3. to conduct the elections at the SCCEC Representative Assembly.

4. to plan leadership training activities for SCCEC.

5. to serve as a representative of the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children at the Annual Representative Assembly of the Council for Exceptional Children.

6. to make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF TREASURER

1. To serve as custodian of all the funds of SCCEC.

2. To pay for expenses approved by the Executive Board and on the authorization of two of the following: the President, the Immediate Past President, the President-Elect, or the Vice President.

3. To submit records of collections and disbursements for audits.

4. To make a financial report in writing to the Executive Committee and Executive Board at each called meeting.

5. To transfer all funds and records to the new Treasurer after the end of the administrative term.

6. To serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee.

7. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.



Retaining Teachers – What Can We Do About It?

BY DR. ANN MARIE TAYLOR

According to the CERRA Supply and Demand Survey, almost half of the vacancies in high schools across South Carolina were in math, science, and special education, and almost one quarter of the vacancies were in special education. Each year CERRA puts together a statewide report outlining the hiring and vacancy data for widespread use by decision makers in education throughout South Carolina. For the last 10 years, as long as this information has been available, special education has accounted for the single largest share of vacant teacher positions in the state, ranging from about 14% to more than 30% of all vacancies. While this percentage has fluctuated over time, vacancies in special education have consistently outnumbered the unfilled teacher positions in other content areas.

This past year we lost 5,000 teachers statewide (this number includes special and general education teachers). Many of those teachers were first year teachers. We CAN do something about it. What impacts Special Education Teacher attrition? Research says it's school climate, principal leadership, and a sense of isolation. We CAN make those things better. Culture and climate has received too little attention and as teachers, teacher leaders, and as leaders we can change that:

1. **Listen for understanding.** Be there for your colleagues. We are so much better together. We were designed for relationships.
2. **Share your "WHY!"** Why do you do what you do as special education teachers in South Carolina? Talk about how the joy of your work does change things for the better for others. Be brave and vulnerable. Share.
3. **Breathe light into others.** People are hurting — students are not the only ones struggling. Use what you have learned about PBIS and treat adults the same way you know how to treat children. We are the ones they have waited for.



SCCEC CAN Update

BY PAT HENSLEY



Recently I sent out a Child and Youth Action Network (CAN) email. If you are not on the list, please send your email address to me at successfulteaching@gmail.com.

In a recent email, I shared with you about CEC's nonpartisan voter education guide: I Educate, I Participate: 2018 Midterm U.S.

Congressional Election Voter Education Guide. In this guide you'll find information on candidate positions, upcoming town hall meetings, resources on voter registration, voter deadlines, finding your polling place, CEC's policy priorities and K-12 lesson plans for the classroom.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference

BY PAT HENSLEY

The State Department of Education Office of Special Education will host the 1st Annual Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at the Columbia Conference Center located at 169 Laurelhurst Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina.

Registration for conference attendance will be open September 28, 2018. Please click here for more information: <https://goo.gl/kPo8xA>

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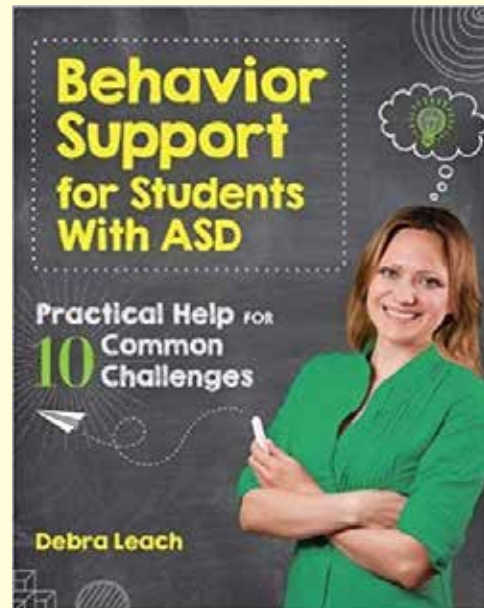
DADD Pre-Conference Workshop: Behavior Support for Students with ASD

BY DEB LEACH

Join SC DADD on Thursday, February 28, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach for an informative session with Dr. Debra Leach from Winthrop University titled "Behavior Support for Students with ASD: Addressing Ten Common Behavioral Challenges."

When students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) engage in challenging behavior, how can teachers best respond? Dr. Leach will show you how to address ten of the most common classroom behavior challenges—from following directions to handling transitions—with skill, insight, and compassion.

The cost is only \$70, and this includes a copy of the book to take with you! (This is a full day session, and must be registered for separate from the normal SC CEC registration process). To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dadd-preconference-at-sceec-conference-behavior-support-for-students-with-asd-addressing-ten-common-tickets-48688420376>



Conference Poster Sessions

Have you always wanted to present at the annual conference, but were too nervous to give it a shot? Do you have something awesome happening in your classroom you would like to share with peers, but you aren't sure if you could do an entire 50-minute presentation? Are you a student who has recently compiled some evidence-based research you would like to present to your peers and working professionals? If so, then you NEED to submit a proposal for the Poster Session at this year's conference!

Poster sessions provide a unique

platform for our professionals and students to showcase, discuss and share achievements in research, work in progress, examples of best practice, or innovative services. A poster session provides an opportunity to discuss your topic with peers in an informal setting. As you prepare for the poster session, you should have a display that captures your topic and ideas in easily understood printed text, graphics, and images. As conference attendees visit your display, you will have the opportunity to discuss your poster topic with them.

Use this link to submit your POSTER SESSION proposal: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_1GHHvG6lsHybbJ14GVAllmvtHoJpAWuxWpp3M3Py_sO_SiA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Poster Sessions will be open to both students and professionals and will be held in the large ballroom on Friday, March 1st from 4:30-5:20. If you have any questions about the Poster Session, please email Carol Hoyle at choyle1@lander.edu.

DEADLINE is DECEMBER 15th

CEC Chapter 877

BY PAT HENSLEY

This year, our chapter is going to try a new way to involve more educators. We hope to have interactive discussions throughout the year. If you know anyone who wants to join this discussion, please forward the link to the Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 877 Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127752958967/>) discussion and encourage them to leave their answers in the comments section. Feel free to reply to other people's comments

or ask questions for clarification. We hope to have several discussions throughout the year.

Our first one involves the following questions. Feel free to leave some answers blank if you don't feel comfortable answering them.

1. Grade Level
2. Subject Area/Class
3. If the state superintendent of education showed up right now, what one question would you ask her?

4. What is the biggest national issue facing education today?

5. What is the biggest state issue facing education today?

6. What is the biggest local issue facing education today?

7. What is the biggest challenge in your classroom that you are facing?

8. What is a victory in your classroom that you have recently had?

9. What topic(s) would you like to have a future discussion about?



SCCEC Award Nominations are OPEN! BY JULIE MACKER

Just a reminder that SCCEC's Award Nominations are open! You can find information about each award, criteria, and how to access the online form at <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/awards/new-item4>. If you have any questions or run into

any issues with the submission process, please contact me at correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2018.

Silent Auction Donations Needed BY LISA HALTER

SCCEC is seeking donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach on March 1-2, 2019. Proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to support the Betty Brown Training Grant. We would like for all Chapters and

Subdivisions to donate at least one item to the Silent Auction. Please bring your items to the registration table at conference. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Halter at halter@wlgos.sc.gov. Thank you so much for your support!

SC CEC PRE-CONFERENCE

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Self-Determined Learning
Model of Instruction

with Terri LaPlante

welcome by Tabitha Strickland

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DCDT will be hosting a half-day (PM) pre-conference at SCCEC's Annual Conference entitled "Self-Determined Learning Model of Instruction."

More information
will be coming!